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Applicant: **Nortel Networks Limited**  
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**REPLY/AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

This is further to the Examiner's Answer mailed December 9, 2008. The Examiner's Answer raises new grounds of rejection. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.39(b)(1), Applicant requests that prosecution be reopened before the Examiner. Applicant further wishes to amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims:** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks:** begin on page 8 of this paper.